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SUBJ: CURRENCY EXCHANGE - MR. H. DIAMANT

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1. PRIMARY REQUIREMENT FOR OBTAINING FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS GOZ (BANQUE DE ZAIRE) FAVORABLE DECISION TO ALLOCATE PORTION OF ITS PRESENTLY LIMITED FX INCOME. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THIS ENTAILS NECESSITY OF INTERESTED PARTY PLEADING PRIORITY OF CASE TO BANQUE DU ZAIRE.

2. EMBASSY MORE THAN WILLING TO SUPPORT MR. DIAMANT IN HIS EFFORTS. HOWEVER, UNDER CURRENT DIFFICULT FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE REGARD PROSPECT FOR RECEIVING FX ALLOCATION AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LIKELY. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE GOZ REASONING THAT GOOD FAITH HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY MAKING SETTLEMENT IN ZAIRES AND THAT TRANSFER INTO FOREIGN CURRENCY WILL HAVE TO AWAIT IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, AND IN PARTICULAR OF EXPENSE OF TRAVEL TO ZAIRE WITH LITTLE IMMEDIATE PROSPECT OF SUCCESS, RECOMMEND DIAMANT BEGIN WITH FORMAL REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FX ADDRESSED TO:

COTOYEN SAMBWA PIDA NBAGUI

GOUVERNEUR

LA BANQUE DU ZAIRE

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REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE

WITH COPY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY KINSHASA. EMBASSY
CHANNELS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR TRANSMISSION OF ORIGINAL
TO GOV. SAMBWA.

4. IF RESPONSE NEGATIVE OR NOT FORTHCOMING, DIAMANT
MAY SUBSEQUENTLY WISH TO APPOINT LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE
TO PURSUE HIS INTERESTS, IN WHICH CASE WE CAN MAKE
LIST OF ATTORNEYS AVAILABLE. REALISTICALLY SPEAKING,
HE SHOULD NOT RECKON WITH SATISFACTION IN SHORT
TERM, DESPITE RELATIVELY MODEST AMOUNT INVOLVED.
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